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SUBJECT:IV GROUP PROGRAM IN CONNECTION WITH AFL-CIO
CONVENTION, NOVEMBER 19-DECEMBER 18, 1977

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1. THE DEPARTMENTS OF STATE AND LABOR ARE ORGANIZING
A 30-DAY PROGRAM FOR HIGH LEVEL FOREIGN LABOR LEADERS,
COORDINATED WITH ATTENDANCE AT THE BIENNIAL AFL-CIO
CONVENTION AT LOS ANGELES IN DECEMBER, 1977. THIS PROGRAM IS

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AIMED AT ENCOURAGING THE GROWTH OF FREE AND INDEPENDENT
TRADE UNIONS IN DEVELOPING NATIONS AND AT SUPPORTING
THE STRUGGLE FOR HUMAN RIGHTS, INCLUDING INTER ALIA
WORKER RIGHTS SUCH AS FREEDOM OF ASSOCIATION AND THE
RIGHT TO ORGANIZE. THE PROGRAM IS FURTHER INTENDED
TO STRENGTHEN LINES OF COMMUNICATION, UNDERSTANDING AND
RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN FOREIGN TRADE UNION LEADERS AND

THEIR US COUNTERPARTS, AND TO ENABLE
MUTUAL DISCUSSION OF POLITICAL
DEVELOPMENTS WHICH MAY HAVE AN IMPACT ON TRADE UNION
PARTICIPATION IN INTERNATIONAL FORA IN COMING MONTHS.

2. PROGRAM: THE PROGRAM WILL BEGIN IN WASHINGTON WITH
HIGH-LEVEL DISCUSSIONS AT THE DEPARTMENTS OF STATE AND
LABOR AND AT THE AFL-CIO OF RECENT POLICY CONSIDERATIONS
AND DEVELOPMENTS IN INTERNATIONAL LABOR AFFAIRS, AS WELL
AS STRUCTURAL, SOCIAL, POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC RELATION-
SHIPS OF UNIONS AND FREE WORLD DEVELOPMENTS. FOLLOWING
THE WASHINGTON SESSIONS, VISITS TO US UNIONS, INDUSTRY
AND OTHER PUBLIC AND PRIVATE ORGANIZATIONS AND INSTITU-
TIONS FOR DISCUSSIONS AND OBSERVATIONS OF MATTERS OF
INTEREST AND CONCERN TO EACH PARTICIPANT WILL BE
ORGANIZED. INDIVIDUAL PROGRAMMING WILL ALSO BE ARRANGED,
IF DESIRED. A SPECIAL PROGRAM WILL ALSO BE ARRANGED
WITH THE ASIAN-AMERICAN FREE LABOR INSTITUTE (AAFLI) AND
THE AFRICAN-AMERICAN LABOR CENTER (AALC). THE PROGRAM
WILL CONCLUDE WITH OBSERVATION OF THE 12TH CONSTITU-
TIONAL CONVENTION OF THE AFL-CIO WHICH TAKES PLACE IN
LOS ANGELES, DECEMBER 8-16. AS GUESTS, PARTICIPANTS
WILL HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO MEET AND CONFER WITH
CONVENTION DELEGATES AND OTHER VISITORS.

3. PARTICIPATION: TRADE UNION LEADERS LISTED BELOW
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HAVE BEEN SUGGESTED AS POSSIBLE NOMINEES FOR CU GRANTS
UNDER THIS PROGRAM BY THE AFL-CIO:

A. BANGLADESH: M. A. MUTTALIB, JATIO SHRAMIK LEAGUE AND
PROTAPUDDIN AHMED, LAUNCH LABORERS' ASSOCIATION.
B. INDIA: B. C. BHAGAVATI, INDIAN NATIONAL TRADE
UNION CONGRESS AND MAHESH DESAI, HIND MAZDOOR SABHA.
C. JORDAN: SAMI MANSOUR, GENERAL FEDERATION OF JORDANIAN
TRADE UNIONS.
D. LEBANON: GEORGE SACRE, LEBANON CONFEDERATION OF LABOR.
E. PAKISTAN: REHMATULLAH KHAN DURRANI, BASHIR AHMED
SAKHTIAR, ALL PAKISTAN FEDERATION OF TRADE UNIONS AND
MOHAMED SHARIF, PAKISTAN NATIONAL FEDERATION OF TRADE
UNIONS.
F. SRI LANKA: V. L. BASIL DE SILVA, UNION OF POST AND
TELECOMMUNICATIONS OFFICERS AND S. THONDAMAN, CEYLON
WORKERS' CONGRESS.
ADDRESSEE POSTS SHOULD REVIEW LIST, IN CONSULTATION
WITH LABOR ATTACHES AND LABOR REPORTING OFFICERS, TO
ASCERTAIN IF THE POST WISHES TO NOMINATE LEADER(S) SHOWN
THEREON, OR ALTERNATES IF THE SUGGESTED LEADER(S) IS
UNABLE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PROJECT. IN THE CASE OF

A PERSON NAMED ABOVE, IF THE POST PLANS TO NOMINATE HIM FOR A CU GRANT, IT WOULD BE MOST HELPFUL IF DEPARTMENT COULD BE INFORMED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE SO THAT THE AFL-CIO CAN BE NOTIFIED AND HAVE TIME TO FORWARD INDIVIDUAL LETTERS OF INVITATION AND WELCOME TO PROSPECTIVE PARTICIPANTS. COMPLETE BIOGRAPHIC DATA AND INFORMATION ON LANGUAGE ABILITY AND ON THE GENERAL AND SPECIFIC INTERESTS OF ALL NOMINEES, ESPECIALLY ALTERNATES TO THOSE ON THE LIST, SHOULD BE PROVIDED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE TO PERMIT THE LABOR DEPARTMENT TO DEVISE WORTHWHILE INDIVIDUAL AND TEAM PROGRAMS. INTERPRETER SERVICES WILL BE PROVIDED AS NEEDED.

4. COSTS: COSTS WILL BE THE SAME AS FOR 30-DAY IV
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GRANTS WITH 45 DOLS PER DIEM AND WILL BE CHARGED TO POSTS' FY-1978 GRANT ALLOCATIONS. COST-SHARING IS ENCOURAGED, ESPECIALLY THE PROVISION OF INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL FROM NON-US SOURCES. IN NOMINATING, POSTS SHOULD ENSURE THAT CANDIDATES FOR THIS PROJECT ARE SELECTED IN ACCORD WITH APPROPRIATE CU PROGRAM OBJECTIVES AND AREA GOALS AS INCORPORATED IN COUNTRY PLANS.

5. ACTION: POSTS SHOULD INFORM THE DEPARTMENT WHETHER OR NOT THEY INTEND TO NOMINATE LEADERS ON THE ABOVE LIST OR SHOULD PROVIDE THE NAMES, TITLES, AND ESSENTIAL BIODATA OF ALTERNATIVE CANDIDATES NO LATER THAN OCTOBER 1.
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